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**FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

**LS 6681**

**BILL NUMBER:** HB 1328

**NOTE PREPARED:** Dec 8, 2004

**BILL AMENDED:**

**SUBJECT:** Police and Firefighter Death Benefits.

**FIRST AUTHOR:** Rep. Becker

**FIRST SPONSOR:**

**BILL STATUS:** As Introduced

**FUNDS AFFECTED:**     **GENERAL**  
                              **DEDICATED**  
                              **FEDERAL**

**IMPACT:** Local

**Summary of Legislation:** This bill increases from \$9,000 to \$12,000 the death benefit payable to the heirs or estates of members of the 1925 Police Pension Fund, the 1937 Firefighters' Pension Fund, the 1953 Police Pension Fund, and the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund.

**Effective Date:** July 1, 2005.

**Explanation of State Expenditures:**

**Explanation of State Revenues:**

**Explanation of Local Expenditures:** The fiscal impact appears in the following table:

	1925, 1937, and 1953 Funds			1977 Plan
	Non-Converted	Converted	Total	
Increase in Unfunded Actuarial Liabilities	\$7,100,000	\$400,000	\$7,500,000	\$1,460,000
Increase in Annual Funding	(see below)	(see below)	(see below)	\$157,000
Annual Funding Increase as % of Pay	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	21% would increase to 21.04%

Since the benefits of the 1925, 1937, and 1953 Funds are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the following table illustrates the estimated increase in benefit payouts for these funds by cities and town over the next five years. Benefits will continue past the five years.

CY	Increase in Expected Benefit Payouts
2005	\$272,000
2006	\$564,000
2007	\$564,000
2008	\$572,000
2009	\$579,000
<b>4-Year Average (2006-2009)</b>	<b>\$569,750</b>

The funds affected are the police and fire funds of the cities and towns. The principal sources of revenue to local units for contributions into these funds may include the following: (1) general property taxes; (2) Financial Institutions Tax; (3) Auto and Aircraft Excise Tax; (4) Property Tax Replacement Credits; (5) County Option Income Tax; (6) Commercial Vehicle Excise Tax; (7) liquor excise and liquor gallonage distributions; and (8) Wagering Taxes. Other revenue sources include licenses and permits, charges for services, fines and forfeitures, and interest on investments.

Also, cities and towns with a population of over 5,000 may use up to 10% of their Motor Vehicle Highway Account distributions for law enforcement purposes. Cities and towns under 5,000 can use up to 15%.

#### **Explanation of Local Revenues:**

**State Agencies Affected:** Public Employees Retirement Fund as administrators of the 1977 Police Officers' and Firefighters' Pension and Disability Fund.

**Local Agencies Affected:**

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DEFINITIONS: Pay-As-You-Go - Paying pension benefits as they become due without advance funding.

Unfunded Actuarial Liability -The actuarial liability, sometimes called the unfunded liability, of a retirement system at any time is the excess of its actuarial liability at that time over the value of its cash and investments.